

REMARKS

Claims 2 and 4-17 are now pending in this application. Claim 3 is cancelled by this amendment. Each of the pending claims is believed to define an invention that is novel and unobvious over the cited references. Favorable reconsideration of this case is respectfully requested.

During interview of August 5, 2008 it was agreed that the proper claims were in the response dated May 8, 2008. The Office Action dated July 14, 2008 should not have responded to the improper claims of June 13, 2008. The Examiner agreed to send a new Office Action in response to the claims from May 8, 2008.

Submitted herewith on a separate is a replacement Figure 2. Figure 2 has been amended to denote the dash line as a "alternative connection". Likewise elements 26 and 27 have been labeled. The alternative embodiment finds support in the specification, at least at, paragraph 33. Consequently, the withdrawal of the objection to the drawings if respectfully requested.

Claim 9 has been objected to due to various informalities. Claim 9 has been amended to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner. Therefore, the withdrawal of the objection to claim 9 is respectfully requested.

Claims 2 and 5-6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Denning in view of Hardee. Claims 10 and 16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Denning in view of Hardee and further in view of Wrathall.

Claim 17 has been allowed.

Claims 3-4, 7 and 11-15 have been objected but would be allowable if written in independent form.

Independent claim 2 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 3 and is now in allowable form. Claims 4-7, 16 depend from allowable claim 2 and are therefore also allowable.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in allowable form, rendering the prior art rejection moot. Applicants claim amendment should not be construed as agreement with the Examiner interpretation of the prior art and its application against the claims. However, in order to expedite issuance of a patent, the claims have been amended.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that the prosecution of this application would be advanced by a personal interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone undersigned counsel to arranged for such an interview.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this Amendment to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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